

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 16 public bills, H.R. 3877–3892 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Farenthold to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Recess: The House recessed at 11:26 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon.

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Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest chaplain, Reverend Gary Grogan, Stone Creek Church, Urbana, Illinois.

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Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by voice vote.

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Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2014: The House agreed to the Rogers (KY) motion to concur in the Senate amendment to the title of H.R. 3547 and concur in the Senate amendment to the text of H.R. 3547 with an amendment inserting the text of Rules Committee Print 113–32, as modified by section 6 of H. Res. 458, in lieu of the matter proposed to be inserted by the Senate, by a yea-and-nay vote of 359 yeas to 67 nays, Roll No. 21.

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Pursuant to the provisions of the rule, H. Con. Res. 74 is considered as adopted.

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H. Res. 458, the rule providing for consideration of the Senate amendments to the bill (H.R. 3547) was agreed to by a recorded vote of 230 yeas to 191 noes, Roll No. 20.

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Agreed to the Cole amendment to the rule by voice vote, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 228 yeas to 195 nays, Roll No. 19.

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Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 10 a.m. tomorrow, January 16th.

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Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today and a message received from the Senate today appear on pages H255.

Senate Referral: S. 1434 was referred to the Committee on Veterans Affairs.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H254–55, H255, H451–52. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Committee Meetings

#COMMACTUPDATE: PERSPECTIVES FROM FORMER FCC CHAIRMAN

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Communications and Technology held a hearing entitled “#CommActUpdate: Perspectives from Former FCC Chairman”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

IMPACT OF THE VOLCKER RULE ON JOB CREATORS

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The Impact of the Volcker Rule on Job Creators, Part I”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

SOUTH SUDAN'S BROKEN PROMISE

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “South Sudan's Broken Promise?”. Testimony was heard from Linda Thomas-Greenfield, Bureau of African Affairs, Department of State; and Earl W. Gast, Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Africa, US Agency for International Development.

REPORT ON THE G8 DEMENTIA SUMMIT

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations held a hearing entitled “A Report on the G8 Dementia Summit”. Testimony was heard from Richard J. Hodes, Director, National Institute on Aging, National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

NAFTA AT TWENTY: ACCOMPLISHMENTS, CHALLENGES, AND THE WAY FORWARD

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere held a hearing entitled “NAFTA at Twenty: Accomplishments, Challenges, and the Way Forward”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

FALSE NARRATIVE ENDANGERS THE HOMELAND

Committee on Homeland Security: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “A False Narrative Endangers the Homeland”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Infrastructure Protection, and Security Technologies held a markup on H.R. 3696, the “National Cybersecurity and Critical Infrastructure Protection Act of 2013”. The bill was ordered reported, to the Full Committee, as amended.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 7, the “No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act”. The bill was ordered reported, without amendment.

STRENGTHENING AGENCY OVERSIGHT: EMPOWERING THE INSPECTORS GENERAL COMMUNITY

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Strengthening Agency Oversight: Empowering the Inspectors General Community”. Testimony was heard from Peggy E. Gustafson, Inspector General, Small Business Administration; Michael E. Horowitz, Inspector General, Department of Justice; and Kathy A. Buller, Inspector General, Peace Corps.

POWER OF CONNECTION: PEER-TO-PEER BUSINESSES

Committee on Small Business: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The Power of Connection: Peer-to-Peer Businesses”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

REVIEW OF THE CHALLENGES FACING CALIFORNIA HIGH SPEED RAIL

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Railroad, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials held a hearing entitled “A Review of the Challenges Facing California High Speed Rail”. Testimony was heard from Representatives McCarthy (CA); Lofgren; Loretta Sanchez (CA); Costa; LaMalfa; and Valadao; and Karen Hedlund, Deputy Administrator, Federal Railroad Administration; Dan Richard, Chairman, California High Speed Rail Authority; and Alissa Dolan, Congressional Research Service.

VENDORS IN THE OR—VA’S FAILED OVERSIGHT OF SURGICAL IMPLANTS

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Vendors in the OR—VA’s Failed Oversight of Surgical Implants”. Testimony was heard from Randall Williamson, Director, Health Care, Government Accountability Office; and Philip Matkovsky, Assistant Deputy Under Secretary for Health for Administrative Operations, Department of Veterans Affairs.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, JANUARY 16, 2014

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Madelyn R. Creedon, of Indiana, to be Principal Deputy Administrator, National Nuclear Security Administration, Department of Energy, and Brad R. Carson, to be Under Secretary of the Army, and William A. LaPlante, Jr., to be Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition, both of the Department of Defense, 9:30 a.m., SD–G50.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine a progress report on public transportation under the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP–21), 10 a.m., SD–538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Communications, Technology, and the Internet, to hold hearings to examine locating 911 callers in a wireless world, 10:30 a.m., SR–253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 9:30 a.m., Room to be announced.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to hold hearings to examine a review of the President’s Climate Action Plan, 9:15 a.m., SD–406.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine advancing Congress’s trade agenda, focusing on the role of trade negotiating authority, 10 a.m., SD–215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Robert C. Barber, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Iceland, George James Tsunis, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Norway, and Colleen Bradley Bell, of California, to be Ambassador to Hungary, all of the Department of State, 2:30 p.m., SD–419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine strengthening Federal access programs to meet 21st century needs, focusing on TRIO and the Global Education and Awareness Research Undergraduate Program (GEAR UP), 10 a.m., SD–106.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider S. 619, to amend title 18, United States Code, to prevent unjust and irrational criminal punishments, S. 1410, to focus limited Federal resources on the most serious offenders, S. 1675, to reduce recidivism and increase public safety, and the nominations of Carolyn B. McHugh, of Utah, and Nancy L. Moritz, of Kansas, both to be a United States Circuit Judge for the Tenth Circuit, John B. Owens, of California, and Michelle T. Friedland, of California, both to be a United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, David Jeremiah Barron, of Massachusetts, to be United States Circuit Judge for the First Circuit, Jeffrey Alker Meyer, to be United States District Judge for the District of Connecticut, Timothy L. Brooks,